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In re Application of: Esko PAJUNEN

Serial No.: 10/082,507

: Group Art Unit: 1761

Confirmation No.: 5330

: Examiner: Curtis Edward Sherrer

Priority Date: 20 April 2000

Filed: 19 October 2001

For: **Method And Apparatus For The Continuous Biocatalytic Conversion Of Aqueous Solutions, Having One Or More Degassing Stages**

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Commissioner for Patents

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c) TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR-FILED APPLICATION AND THE FILING DATE OF A PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of a prior-filed application and the filing date of a prior foreign application. Consideration and grant of the petition is respectfully requested.

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) To Accept An Unintentionally Delayed Claim For The Benefit Of A Prior-Filed Application

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), applicants respectfully petition for amendment of the specification of the above application to include the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) for the benefit of a prior-filed co-pending international application designating the United States of America.

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The reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) to the prior-filed application is:

This application is a continuation of International Application
No. PCT/EP00/03631, internationally filed April 20, 2000.

***Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c) To Accept An Unintentionally Delayed Claim
For The Benefit Of A Prior-Foreign Application***

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c), applicants respectfully petition to claim the benefit of European Application No. 991 07 354.5, filed April 21, 1999, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a). The reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) to the prior foreign application is presented in an Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76(b)(6) attached as APPENDIX A.

This Petition is accompanied by a check for the \$1330.00 petition fee for this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t). If any additional fees for the accompanying petition are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 502190.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional and is sincerely regretted.

Applicants respectfully request the grant of the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A



Application Data Sheet

Application Information

Application Number::	10/082,507
Filing Date::	10/19/01
Application Type::	Regular
Subject Matter::	Utility
Suggested Classification::	426/011
Suggested Group Art Unit::	1761
CD-ROM or CD-R?	No
Title::	Method And Apparatus For The Continuous Biocatalytic Conversion Of Aqueous Solutions, Having One Or More Degassing Stages
Attorney Docket Number::	5004146-001US1
Request for Early Publication?::	No
Request for Non-Publication?::	No
Suggested Drawing Figure::	N/A
Total Drawing Sheets::	0
Small Entity::	No
Petition included?::	Yes
Secrecy Order in Parent Appl.?::	No

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Domestic Priority Information

<i>Application ::</i>	<i>Continuity Type::</i>	<i>Parent Application::</i>	<i>Parent Filing Date::</i>
This Application PCT/EP00/03631	Continuation of claiming the benefit of	PCT/EP00/03631 EP 991 07 354.5	April 20, 2000 April 21, 1999

Foreign Priority Information

Country::	Application number::	Filing Date::	Priority Claimed::
Europe	EP 991 07 354.5	April 21, 1999	Yes

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